

Amendments to the Drawings:

The Drawings are to be amended as attached. The Applicants enclose replacement drawing sheets.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of August 8, 2006 the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the specification, claims and drawings, and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendments

In the present specification:

page 34, line 46 is amended to replace "and" with --to-- with respect to Figures 17A, 17B, 17C and 17D;

page 39, lines 33-34 are amended to insert the reference numeral "1012" for the air hose;

page 41, line 29 is amended to replace "1617" with --1616--;

page 42, line 4 is amended to replace "1902" with --1904--;

page 60, line 7 is amended to replace "33C" with --53C--;

page 60, lines 20-21 are amended to replace "3110" with --3110a--;

page 65, lines 32-33 are amended to replace "140" with --3140-- and "141" with --3141--;

page 71, line 24 is amended to delete "3834";

page 72, line 13 is amended to replace "803" with --3803--; and

page 73, line 6 is amended to delete "3843".

In the drawings:

Figures 8C and 9 are amended to delete reference numeral "810";

Figure 10 is amended to move the line for reference numeral "1012";

Figure 16 is amended to delete reference numeral "1612";

Figure 23 is amended to delete reference numeral "3026a";

Figure 36 is amended to delete reference numeral "3096b";

Figure 37A is amended to delete reference numerals "3096b" and "3093c";

Figure 42D is amended to delete reference numeral "3096b";

Figure 65 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3816";

Figure 66 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3816";

Figure 67 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3816";

Figure 68 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3880";
Figure 69 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3812";
Figure 71 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3880"; and
Figure 72 is amended to delete reference numerals "3805" and "3823".

In the claims:

independent claim 1 is amended to incorporate the bar code scanner of pending dependent claim 5 and to further clarify that the bar code scanner is for capturing a selection of a pattern(s) to be printed by the printhead and that the processor configures the printer to print the selected pattern(s) based on the bar code scanner input. Support for this amendment can be found at page 37, lines 19-25 and page 38, lines 1-33 of the present specification;

dependent claims 4 and 5 are cancelled accordingly;
dependent claims 37-39, 41-43 and 49 are cancelled;
dependent claims 8, 9, 14, 21-31, 40, 44, 45, 47 and 48 are unchanged; and
withdrawn claims 2, 3, 6, 7, 10-13, 15-20, 32-36 and 46 are also cancelled.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding Drawing Objections

It is respectfully submitted that the above-described amendments to the drawings and specification provide the corrections required by the Examiner. It is noted that the Examiner indicates that "figs. 33c" is mentioned in the drawings, not the specification. However, the Applicant believes the opposite is the case, and has amended the specification accordingly, as discussed above.

Regarding 35 USC 101 and 112, second paragraph Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the subject matter and clarity rejections of claims 37-39, 41-43 and 49 based on the above-described amendment cancelling these claims.

Regarding 35 USC 102(b) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-discussed amended independent claim 1, and claims 14, 21-23 and 40 dependent therefrom, is not disclosed by Martin (US 2002/0171692), because, as admitted by the Examiner in the rejection of claim 5 (discussed below), Martin does not teach or suggest incorporating a bar code scanner in the disclosed printer.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

Regarding Martin in view of Yamasaki (US 2002/0070990)

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-discussed amended independent claim 1, which incorporate the subject matter of rejected dependent claim 5, is not disclosed by Martin in view of Yamasaki, for at least the following reasons.

Yamasaki merely discloses to use a bar code reading means for scanning a bar code provided on recording medium for specifying the type of recording medium for printing (see [0171] of Yamasaki).

Thus, there is no motivation for one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Martin and Yamasaki so that the bar code reading means of Yamasaki is used to capture a selection of pattern(s) to be printed, as is required by amended claim 1, and claims 8, 9, 14, 21-31, 40, 44, 45, 47 and 48 dependent therefrom.

Regarding Martin in view of remaining cited references

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of dependent claims 8, 9, 24-31, 44, 45, 47 and 48 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggest by Martin in view of Silverbrook (US 2002/0154189) and Hashi et al. (JP 2003-165205), because .

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections and rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

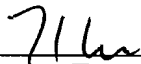
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